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The settlement as it is proposed fails to address one of Microsoft's primary issues of the case which is, contrary to what Microsoft would have us believe, assimilation is not innovation. Innovation is based on the ability of small companies to change the world we live. This ability is critically in danger in the personal computer market space. Microsoft's belligerent and monopolistic tactics regarding small innovative companies provided no benefit to the nation.

The economic prosperity we recently enjoyed was not enabled by Microsoft it was built upon the hard labor of many small companies, the ability of these companies to compete in the marketplace needs to be preserved.

Having spent my career in IT in Microsoft centric and non-Microsoft centric companies, I hope the current settlement proposal is reconsidered and saner heads prevail.

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